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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF TRANCHE V FUNDS

1. SPECIAL MEETING HELD JULY 28 OF NMA TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF TRANCHE V FUNDS, ESTIMATED AT \$1 MILLION. COMMITTEE RESOLVED TO ASSIGN \$761,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS; \$80,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIP EXTENSIONS; \$14,600 FOR AGRARIAN ECONOMICS SEMINAR; \$20,000 TO SUPPORT AMERICAN RESEARCHERS WORKING ON MENENDEZ PIDAL PROJECT IN ROMANCERO BALLADS; AND \$10,000 TO FINACE STUDENT/TEACHER EXCHANGE BETWEEN UNIVERSITIES OF INDIANA AND MADRID AUTONOMOUS. ADMINISTRATIVE COSTA PROJECTED AS \$55,000. DISTRIBUTION OF REMAINING FUNDS WILL BE DECIDED UPON AT SEPT. 20 MEETING. PROJECTS TO BE CONSIDERED THEN ARE: (1) VISITING ECONOMICS LECTURER AT UNIV. OF MADRID, COMPLUTENSE; (2) ICE SANTIAGO SUMMER WORKSHOPS IN EDUCATION; (3) SCHOLARSHIPS TO INTL MARKETING INST.; (4) GRANTEES TO SEVERAL STATE DEPT. MULTI-REGIONAL CONFERENCES; (5) VISITING LECTURER AT UNIV. OF MADRID, COMPLUTENSE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. COMMENT: THOUGH MES REPRESENTATIVE ARGUES THAT TRANCHE V FUNDS SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL NEW STRUCTURE ESTABLISHED, OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS URGE THAT DECISION ON DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS MUST BE TAKEN NOW. FURTHERMORE, MFA AND EMBASSY AGREE THAT SINCE FUNDS COME FROM 1970 ACCORDS THEIR ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBILITY OF EXISTING TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE.

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